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MTN Fourth Worldwide Conference

MTN 2000

The 4th MTN Worldwide Conference for Affiliates.

The date for the next MTN conference for our affiliates is set for April 25-27, 2000 and will be held in a Bethesda Maryland Hotel. Please mark your calendars for the largest and most comprehensive MTN conference to date. MTN 2000 will have breakout sessions, updates on certification opportunities, and continuing education opportunities. New this year will be a welcome reception on the evening of the 24th. The session for the MTN National Faculty Members will be on the 24th of April 2000 and is by invitation only.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Discussions will include specific program resuscitative trauma, administrative management issues, national organization initiatives and the goals and accomplishments of the MTN and its affiliates. It is anticipated that Dr. James A. Zimble, President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and former Navy Surgeon General will present opening and closing remarks at the conference. Also, each Service's Surgeon General will be invited to attend.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

This conference is open to all MTN affiliates for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support Program Directors, Administrators, and Affiliate Faculty members. This conference will be beneficial to the aforementioned personnel as well as those who will be replacing those personnel soon to be transferring. Also, if you

are an EMT or other Department of Defense (DoD) healthcare provider, active duty, reserve, or national guard member involved with resuscitative or trauma medicine, you will find something of interest for you at MTN 2000.

All program managers and national faculty members are expected to attend and answer your questions about your respective program issues. Several national faculty members will be giving presentations in their area of expertise. If you are involved in MTN resuscitative and trauma medicine programs, you will not want to miss the most comprehensive conference in DoD for AHA, Army EMT and ATLS programs. Watch our web site and future editions of "The Scoop" for continuing updates and news of MTN 2000, *Resuscitative and Trauma Medicine for the Next Millennium*. Watch for your conference registration forms in August and September 1999.

ARMY EMT-BASIC PROGRAM

Reminders- Annual Reports are due September 30, feel free to fax or mail your report. The new annual report form is made available for download off our web site.

Updating Program Information- Please be sure to notify the EMT-Basic Program Manager of any changes that occur in your program. We are required to immediately notify the National Registry of all changes, i.e. Medical Director, Course Coordinator, etc. This will eliminate any future delays/problems attaining information or tests from the National Registry. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the ARMY EMT Program Manager.

ORDERING OF NATIONAL REGISTRY EXAMS- When ordering exams from the National Registry, please request exams at least one month in advance from your test date so there will be no delay. Some affiliates have requested exams a week or less in advance and the NREMT is unable to accommodate your request in that short period of time. Thank you for your cooperation, and Good Luck!

Check out our updated website at:
www.usuhs.mil/mtn/mtn.html

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ACLS and PALS COURSE REPORTS

All ACLS and PALS reports must contain the following:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Class Roster with the grades, name, rank, corps and branch of service
3. List of Instructors
4. Course Agenda
5. Summarized Course Critique

Reports missing the above information will be returned to the originator and further delay your course approval.

All program approvals are being mailed to the Affiliate's Commander for forwarding to program personnel.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

CME's are granted through MTN only with the prior course approval and are for physicians only. Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will adhere to strict guidelines when granting CME's.

We will no longer be sending certificates for the physicians. Instead we will be sending a letter of attendance for physicians and a separate letter of attendance for all other personnel. Several commands were not granted CME's due to reports not filed on a timely basis or verifying receipt of re-affiliation request before conducting their first CME course. Ensure you have written approval from the MTN to conduct your course. Do not assume that since you faxed or mailed the report the MTN has received the report.

When requesting CME'S for FY 2000, please be sure you send the appropriate course agenda. You must send a separate agenda for your one-day, two-day or three-day course program. Contact your program manager if you have any additional questions.

CARDS

We are no longer requiring third quarter reports. If you need additional cards, please send a memorandum with the signatures of the Program Director and Program Administrator. The Annual and Semi-Annual Report Forms were mailed July 30th. We have been told by the Surgeon General's through the MTN Director to watch for stockpiling of AHA/MTN cards. If you have only ten instructors, and order 2,200 AHA Heartsaver, 1,500 MTN Provider and 100 BLS Instructor, and your records from last year show you trained on the average 300 individuals a year, then your request will be flagged for review. This will delay your request until the director determines the validity of your request. On your Annual and Semi-Annual Reports, please try to project the correct total your facility will need for the up coming six months. **As of October 1, all requests for additional cards must be signed by an O5 officer or higher.**

BLS TEST QUESTION 11, VERSION 1

There has been a lot of inquiries about question number 11 in the BLS for Healthcare Providers Written Evaluation, Version One. The question states: (*You have started the one-rescuer CPR sequence on your unresponsive partner at a recreation center squash court. You tried to give 2 rescue breaths, but the air would not go in and the chest would not rise. The next actions you should try are?*) B is the best first corrective action to take.

In the American Heart Association (AHA) Healthcare Providers Manual, (p.4-13) it states "if unable to give two breaths, reposition the head and attempt to ventilate again." The word here is again, which means to repeat the process you did before, which were two breaths. In Appendix B, of the AHA Instructor Manual, interactive scenarios, Scenario 4a states: "you reposition her head open her airway and again try to give 2 slow rescue breaths."

AFFILIATE FACULTY STATUS

Only Instructor-Trainers can be nominated for the Affiliate Faculty and Program Director Position. This individual must meet all the criteria laid out in the Administrative Handbook for Resuscitative Medicine September 1998. Please refer to your handbook if you have any questions.

COAST GUARD ON BOARD



The Coast Guard has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Military Training Network. The following Coast Guard sites are approved MTN Training Affiliates for Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS): Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, CA; Training Center Cape May, NJ; Reserve Training Center Yorktown, VA; Coast Guard Air station, Clearwater, FL; Coast Guard ISC Boston, MA; and Coast Guard Academy New London CT. Coast Guard individuals may participate in BLS and ACLS training at sites outside those listed in the MOU at the discretion of the facility commander.

AFFILIATE FACULTY E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The National Faculty Member for each MTN program has directed that all Affiliate Faculty members provide their e-mail address to their respective MTN Program Manager. This can be military (preferably) or home e-mail address. The MTN will then group and forward your addresses to the National Faculty member. This will afford the National Faculty and the Affiliate Faculty the opportunity to communicate with each other directly. This should expedite the dissemination of general AHA/MTN topics of interest. Tardiness in this matter could lead to a delay in your re-affiliation packet.

AFFILIATE FACULTY CARDS

There are new Affiliate Faculty Cards issued for new Affiliate Faculty appointments. The old AHA card is valid until the expiration date. **Do not replace valid older cards.**

REAFFILIATION

By now you should have received the new Affiliation request form, please complete in detail one form per program. The number of cards requested should be close to the number of personnel trained in FY-99 plus whatever increase you expect in FY2K, our database will give us your training numbers based on your course reports for FY-99. Stockpiling excessive cards beyond your projected training numbers for FY 2000 is unauthorized.

FAXING OF REPORTS TO MTN

The end of the fiscal year seems to bring about the annual faxing Olympics from affiliates to the MTN for their **TIMELY** submission of their annual reports. Something to keep in mind if your plan is to submit your annual report (or any fax for that matter) to the MTN. There are over 1000 programs within the MTN network. If only 20% were to wait until the last day to file their report by fax (which seems to happen), that would mean 200 programs faxing within a 24-hour period to the MTN fax machines. There remains then a slim guarantee that your 15-page report could be received, printed or stored by our most modern fax machines.

We therefore suggest that you call or e-mail the MTN program manager after you fax your report. Affiliates seem to think that a statement to call you when we receive this fax will close the loop adequately. It does not. If we never received your fax, how would we know to call you? We can not possibly know which faxes were not received by our machines unless you follow up within 24 hours on any fax submission to the MTN. A failure to follow up by several affiliates last year caused them to not receive CME for 1st Quarter FY 99 CME eligible classes. Call, E-MAIL, VERIFY!

STAFF CHANGES

Major Marc A. Breslauer, USAF, NC one of our Deputy Directors has retired. We hope to have his replacement on board within the next two to three months. Fiscal and Logistics responsibilities are being filled by LT John Nogan, MSC, USN, Deputy Director for Operations, MTN.

ATLS

Welcome to the ATLS corner. I have sent each ATLS program coordinator their own personal copy of the Scoop in the last quarter, but I am not sure you are receiving it.

I would like to take this opportunity to touch on some on going problems we are experiencing.

1. ATLS Instructor manual If you are having problems please read your ATLS Instructor manual or call the MTN for guidance.

2. Please send your course request at least two months before the course, along with your money for books. If the MTN does not receive your money on time, it will delay your book order. This makes it hard for your students when they can not read the material ahead of time.

3. Please send your reports within 30 days of completion of that course. You could risk the disapproval of your next course.

4. Do not staple your reports.

5. If you have any problems with a course, please talk to your service COT or the ATLS Program Manager at MTN before contacting the ACS. If you have any questions at all, please call MTN for help.

6. When you have an ATLS Instructor that needs to re-certify, please have the instructor contact the MTN.

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VENDER NAME CHANGE

Labsource ECC is listed in our administrative support manual and our web site as being one of four vendors for your AHA program material. Labsource ECC has recently changed its name to WorldPoint ECC. WorldPoint ECC will continue to offer the 10% discount to MTN affiliates as did Labsource ECC. Their Toll-free number is (888) 322-8350. Their International number is (847) 412-0677. WorldPoint EC is based in Deerfield Illinois, a suburb of Chicago Illinois.